This timeline represents important deadlines for passports required by the United States, for countries participating in the Visa Waiver Program.* Some countries are at the beginning of this process while others have already met all of the requirements. Please check with the passport issuing agency in your country if you have specific questions. For all other countries, travelers are required to obtain a visa for entry to the United States.

JUNE 26 2005

All visitors traveling to the United States under the Visa Waiver Program must have a machine-readable passport by **June 26, 2005**.

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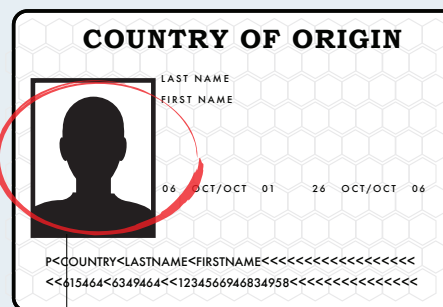<<65464<6349464<<12345669468349584<<<<<<<<<<<<<<
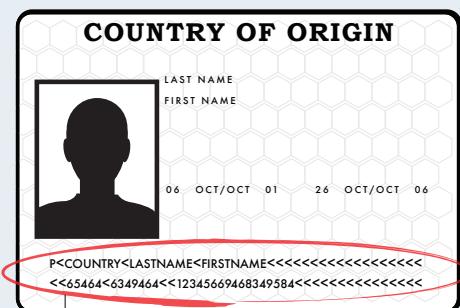
MACHINE-READABLE ZONE

A machine-readable passport has two lines of text as letters, numbers and chevrons (<<<) at the bottom of the personal information page with your picture.

OCTOBER 26 2005

New passports issued by Visa Waiver Program countries must include a digital photo, or the traveler will be required to get a visa.

A traveler who has a valid passport that was issued **before October 26, 2005**, and includes a machine-readable zone **does not** need to get a new passport until the existing one expires.
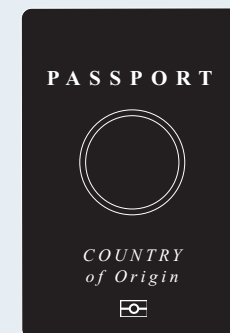

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DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPH

A digital photo is printed on the page, not glued or laminated onto the passport.

OCTOBER 26 2006

New passports issued by Visa Waiver Program countries must be e-Passports. These passports have an integrated computer chip capable of storing the biographic information from the data page, a digitized photograph, and other biometric information.

A traveler who has a valid passport that was issued **before October 26, 2006**, and includes a machine-readable zone and a digital photograph **does not** need to get a new passport until the existing one expires.

PASSPORT

COUNTRY of Origin

e-Passport symbol

*See description of Visa Waiver Program on the back of this timeline.